



Area 4 Developmental Disabilities Board

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State Council and Area Boards

On January 1, 2015, a new law ([AB 1595](#)) goes into effect that re-casts and re-positions the State Council on Developmental Disabilities as a more effective and cohesive statewide agency for system change and advocacy to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need. The impetus for the law and the change was adverse compliance findings by the Council's federal funding source, the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

The new law eliminates area boards on developmental disabilities. To ensure the Council is informed and responsive to issues and needs of people with developmental disabilities, area boards are replaced by regional offices and regional advisory committees whose members reflect the diversity of the population.

Discussion of the change will occur at the last meeting of the Area 4 Developmental Disabilities Board on December 4, 2014. See the meeting agenda below:

Public Meeting of the

Area 4 Developmental Disabilities Board

Posted at <http://www.scdd.ca.gov/areaboard4.htm>

Board Meeting Information



Thursday, December 4, 2014



6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



**North Bay Regional Center
10 Executive Court
Napa, Ca**

Agenda



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| 6:00 pm | CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT |
| 6:05 pm | APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 18, 2014 |
| 6:10 pm | PUBLIC COMMENT |
| 6:15 pm | CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT |
| 6:20 pm | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT |
| 6:30 pm | PRESENTATION ON RATE RELIEF - <i>Mike Huckins, Executive Director, The Arc-Solano will speak on why Governor Brown should increase the payment rate for agencies serving people with developmental disabilities.</i> |
| 6:45 pm | DISCUSSION & ACTION ON RATE RELIEF ISSUE |
| 7:00 pm | ADJOURN |

Please join us immediately following the Board meeting as we share memories and our expectations for the future of advocacy on behalf of people with developmental disabilities in California.

Cake and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Please RSVP to robin.tigh@scdd.ca.gov, or (707) 648-4073.

Conservatorship, Public Benefits, & Trust Planning

Please join Children's Nurturing Project & SCDD-Area 4 Board for this informative seminar on **Thursday, January 29th from 7pm-9pm**

Conservatorship, Public Benefits, & Trust Planning

Speaker: Michael Pearce,
Special Needs Trust Attorney, Law office of Michael Pearce

Part 1 (7pm – 8pm) Preparing for Age 18 & Transition to Adulthood,
Conservatorships (Understanding Conservatorships, will my child need one,
alternatives to Conservatorship) & Public Benefits (obtaining SSI & Medi-Cal benefits
at age 18)

Part 2 (8pm – 9pm) Trust Planning for Families with Special Needs, Trust Planning
Basics, Special Needs Trusts, Preserving Public Benefits for your child with disabilities

Seminar is free, but RSVPs are required by January 15th. Space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Arrive a few minutes early to get your seat and bring a note pad and pen! There will be light snacks and refreshments.

Located: Children's Nurturing Project – 490 Chadbourne Rd. Fairfield 94534
Over by the old Wal-Mart and Jelly Belly. Seminar is on the 2nd floor

To RSVP, please call 707-685-4142 or email: nickelq21@hotmail.com
and provide your name, email address, and phone number for all attendees.
Space is limited.

Visit www.scdd.ca.gov/areaboard4.htm & www.childrensnurturingproject.org/ for more
trainings and resources

Please share flyer with others who may be interested.

Autism Treatment Concerns Raised

As reported in, [California Healthline](#), officials with the Department of Health Care Services announced that the state would require a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation before Medi-Cal benefit autism therapy services would be covered.

Advocates questioned the requirement for evaluation and diagnosis before treatment for young patients with autism.

The California Healthline article quotes Kristin Jacobson, president of Autism Deserves Equal Coverage: *"The standard of care clinically is to treat right away and not wait for a full diagnostic assessment....especially given the hugely long waiting list, that's a huge, huge barrier for access to care."*

According to autism advocates, the waiting list for diagnostic evaluation for autism is six to 12 months.

"Children with autism spectrum disorder can't wait that long", Abbi Coursolle, staff attorney for the National Health Law Program, is quoted as stating.

Read the article [Here](#).

State IHSS Changes Starting January 1, 2015

The Human Services Department, county of Sonoma, has announced a series of trainings about the new overtime rules for providers and recipients of In-home Supportive Services (IHSS)

IHSS providers will be paid for:

- authorized overtime
- wait time at medical appointments
- time for travel between recipients on the same day

The trainings that will take place in December, and will be of interest to recipients and providers of IHSS services.

For information on the location and dates of the trainings, call (707) 565-2852.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Reference Points, a publication of the Pacer Center, has two excellent booklets to aid young adults:

Getting the Most out of Vocational Rehabilitation

This short booklet is designed to help young adults get the most out of their vocational rehabilitation (VR) experience. In addition to defining VR, this easy-to-understand guide includes advice about how to prepare for meeting with a VR counselor and gives examples of career planning activities.

What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?

This publication offers young adults guidance on career research, including preliminary exploration, getting and conducting informational interviews, and using internet resources for further inquiry.

Statewide Transition Plan

From the Department of Developmental Services' Website:

Home and Community-Based Services Statewide Transition Plan

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has released a draft Statewide Transition Plan (STP) as required by new Federal regulations. These new regulations, effective March 17, 2014, establish requirements for settings eligible for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services funding. The draft Statewide Transition Plan, and information on providing input required to finalize the plan, is available on the DHCS website at: www.dhcs.ca.gov.

DHCS will host a second stakeholder call on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The call information is:

- Call in number: 888-829-8671, Participant passcode: 7335142

“The final rules define HCB settings as more process and outcome-oriented, guided by the consumer’s person-centered service plan by:

- ***Being integrated in*** and supporting full access to the greater community, including ***opportunities to seek employment*** and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.

- Giving individuals the ***right to select*** from among various setting options, including non-disability specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting

*.• **Ensuring individuals' rights of privacy**, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.*

*• **Optimizing autonomy and independence in making life choices**, including daily activities, physical environment and with whom to interact.*

*• **Facilitating choice** regarding services and supports, and who provides them.”*